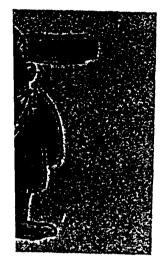


## THINGS PAST



The biological imperfection of man, at the present state of his evolution, has been discussed at great length. Our critics unfairly neglect the other side of the equation: the complexity of the problems we face. Man is the only intelligent creature on this planet; as soon as his rational functions evolved to the point that culture was possible, he was bound to

biosphere to the very margins of possibility, either always comfortable nor assuredly duress against similar margins whatever improvegns.

ink of one function we lack by contrast to namely INNOCENCE. No complex program diate outcome of its prior design. However, be perfected ("debugged") by repetitive trial being subject to erasure so that the system standard condition. This stabilizes the probbe solved. The human condition suffers from dour guilt are cumulative; we may assuage,

we may forgive, but have no way to forget.

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